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INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

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JOHANNESBURG PLEASE PASS TO REGIONAL FISHERIES ATTACHE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIS, MZ, UR

SUBJECT: SOVIET-MOZAMBIQUE FISHING AGREEMENT

REF: MAPUTO 1090

1. PARAGRAPH 2 OF REFTEL WAS TRANSPOSED. PARAGRAPH SHOULD READ
QUOTE: THE SOVIETS WILL COMPENSATE THE MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT FOR
FISHING RIGHTS IN TERRITORIAL WATERS IN ONE OF TWO WAYS:
EITHER THE GOVERNMENT WILL RECEIVE 10-15 PERCENT OF THE CATCH
OUTRIGHT (DEPENDING ON TYPE OF FISH), OR MOZAMBIQUE'S
NEW NATIONAL MARINE PRODUCTS ENTERPRISE WILL BE GIVEN THE
RIGHT TO BUY THE MAJORITY OF THE CATCH (PRESUMABLY AT A
FAVORABLE PRICE). UNQUOTE.

2. COMMENT: IT APPEARS TO LOCAL OBSERVERS THAT THE
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SOVIETS ARE GETTING BY FAR THE BETTER BARGAIN. ALTHOUGH
PRESS REPORTS SAID THAT THE SOVIET CATCH WOULD MEET THE
GOAL OF SUPPLYING MOZAMBIQUE DOMESTIC FISH NEEDS, THERE IS A
LUCRATIVE EXPORT POTENTIAL, WHICH APPEARS TO BE GOING TO THE
SOVIETS, RATHER THAN THE GPRM WHICH BADLY NEEDS THE FOREIGN
EXCHANGE. OTHER SO-CALLED ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE
USSR AND MOZAMBIQUE REPORTEDLY REQUIRE FEW SACRIFICES ON THE

PART OF THE SOVIETS. TECHNICIANS ARE PAID PREMIUM WAGES IN
SCARCE HARD CURRENCY AND THE SOVIET-MOZAMBIQUE COMMERCIAL
AIR AGREEMENT WAS WRITTEN AS A NO-LOSE PROPOSITION FOR
MOSCOW, WHILE THE MOZAMBICANS WERE PAYING AEROFLOT HARD
CURRENCY FOR THE TICKETS PURCHASED IN ESCUDOS BY MOZAMBICANS.
THE FISHING-FLEET AGREEMENT SEEMS TO BE ANOTHER CASE OF MOSCOW
CASHING IN ON ITS PRIVILEGED POSITION AS MILITARY SUPPLIER FOR
COMMERCIAL ADVANTAGE.
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